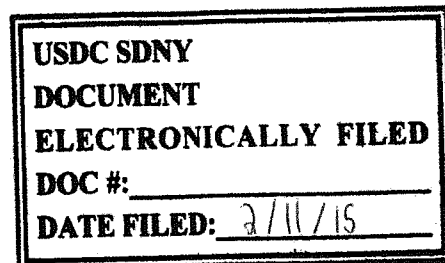


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Re: *XL Specialty Insurance Company v. Lakian, et al.*
Civil Action No. 14-cv-5225

Dear Judge Torres:

We represent John Lakian and Diane Lamm in the above captioned matter. We write regarding the upcoming February 12, 2015 deadline to file an answer. We requested the parties consent to a "last and final" three-week extension of the time to answer in order to continue attempts to resolve this issue without additional litigation. Although XL and Merrill consented to the extension, Kobre & Kim LLP and Eiseman Levine Lehrhaupt & Kakoyiannis P.C. did not. Accordingly, we will file our answer in time for the February 12, 2015 deadline, and we expect those parties who objected the extension to also file by the deadline. Eiseman Levine Lehrhaupt & Kakoyiannis P.C. has already filed. (Dkt. 72.)

However, we respectfully request this Court grant the extension as to the other parties in the hope of potentially sparing them unnecessary legal fees while the parties continue to work towards resolution. No party can legitimately claim that a three-week extension will cause prejudice, particularly where the extension may facilitate resolution of this matter.

We appreciate the Court's patience. This will be the final request for an extension.

Respectfully submitted,

/s Brian J. Osias

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GRANTED, to the extent that the parties shall answer by **February 26, 2015**. No further extensions will be granted.

SO ORDERED.

Dated: February 11, 2015
New York, New York



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